

## **TURA Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**November 19, 2007**

**Advisory Members Present:** Lucy Servidio, Bob Napolitano,  
Gary Nedelman, Bill Judd, Ed Gomes, Tolle Graham,  
Sarah Little, Bob Pliskin, Lee Ketelsen, Steve Gauthier,  
Andrew Goldberg, Mark Rossi, Carolyn Fiore, Sam  
Lipson,

**Others Present:** Phil Griffiths, Rich Bizzozero, Kerry Bowie, Rachel  
Massey, Heather Tenney, Steve Rosario, John Fischer, Liz  
Harriman

- ❖ Phil Griffiths opened the meeting and Advisory Committee members introduced themselves.
- ❖ Rich Bizzozero discussed the role of the Advisory Committee and provided handouts on the structure of the TURA program, including a list of Advisory Committee and Administrative Council members.
- ❖ Rich provided an overview of the TURA program and the 2006 amendments, including two DEP factsheets on the topics.
- ❖ Rich stated that new metrics are being collected on the DEP Form "S". The new metrics were initially collected for reporting year 2006 and they replace the byproduct reduction index (BRI) and the emission reduction index (BRI) used to track TUR progress.
- ❖ John Fischer presented a summary of the new TURA Resource Conservation planning option and the new Environmental Management System (EMS) option.

**EMS Question** - Is the EMS reviewed by DEP? No.

**Resource Conservation (RC) Questions** - Listed chemical category - what qualifies for reporting in this category?

Most concrete manufacturers have prepared 1 plan and 1 pan update. Can they take advantage of the RC option? No.

- ❖ Liz Harriman distributed handouts and provided a brief review of the policy analyses for trichloroethylene, cadmium, and cadmium compounds.

- Sam Lipson asked if the Advisory Committee can we add chemicals to TURA list for review, for example – Nano materials?
- Sam asked what the process is for adding or redesignating Higher Hazard Substance and Lower Hazard Substances.
- Mark Rossi asked what the criteria are for reviewing and determining chemical hazard.
- Questions on DELPHI method, want to see data consideration
- The Advisory Committee would like to review SAB process in more detail and potentially comment on info considered and elements of the policy analysis.
- Can the Advisory Committee make recommendations on which chemicals to advance to the Administrative Council?
- Can we make sure that we consider Lower Hazard Substances along with Higher Hazard Substances?
- Sarah Little asked if we could have manufacturers or distributors give us the list of customers using TCE.
- Can we request info from MWRA industrial pre-treatment program to identify users?
- Does TURI consider exposure – as section in Policy Analysis?
- What about bio-monitoring?

**Other comments from committee members:**

- ✓ Phthalates in consumer products such as bottles is an example of toxics in consumer products that we may or may be aware of and want to address.
- ✓ It's important that the SAB use science based metrics when evaluating the hazard associated with a particular chemical.
- ✓ Must look at exposure of the chemicals.

**Comment from Rachel Massey**

- ✓ The SAB looks at chemical hazard rather than exposure data which may which may or may not be available for most uses of the chemical. TURI considers “exposure” when they prepare the policy analysis.

- ❖ Toxics in consumer products are education mission of the TURA program but not a regulatory mission.
- ❖ Phil Griffiths scheduled the next Advisory Committee meeting at 9 AM on January 14, 2008, and then adjourned the meeting.

